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SUBJ: REMARKS BY MEXICAN FONSEC RABASA AT NON-ALIGNED
CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS.

1. MEXICAN FONSEC EMILIO O. RABASA ADDRESSED THE CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS IN ALGIERS ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1973. THE SEMI-OFFICIAL MEXICO CITY DAILY EL NACIONAL CARRIED THE COMPLETE ADDRESS, WHICH THE EMBASSY IS POUCHING TO THE DEPARTMENT.

2. RABASA ADDRESSED THE CONFERENCE AS AN "ACTIVE OBSERVER." FIDEL CASTRO HAD EVIDENTLY ATTEMPTED TO PREVENT ANY OF THE OBSERVERS FROM ADDRESSING THE CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO AVOID A BRAZILIAN ATTACK UPON CUBA BECAUSE OF CASTRO'S UNCOMPLIMENTARY, PUBLIC REMARKS ABOUT THE FORMER. RABASA WAS OUTRAGED WHEN HE BECAME AWARE OF CASTRO'S TACTICS AND PROTESTED VIGOROUSLY UNTIL HE WAS FINALLY ALLOWED TO SPEAK.

3. IN HIS ADDRESS, RABASA EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S PROPOSED CHARTER OF THE ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, WHICH IS BASED UPON THE PREMISE THAT IN AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN PEACE WITHOUT CREATING A TRULY JUST, INTERNATIONAL, ECONOMIC

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ORDER. THE CHARTER MUST INCLUDE THE RIGHT OF EACH STATE FREELY

TO DISPOSE OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES, TO REGULATE AND CONTROL FOREIGN INVESTMENT, TO HELP MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THE WORLD'S MONETARY AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, TO PARTICIPATE IN A JUST WORLD COMMERCE, TO MODIFY THE WORLD'S ECONOMY TO CREATE A JUSTER INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR, TO FACILITATE GREATER ACCESS FOR ALL STATES TO THE BENEFITS OF TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES, TO RECEIVE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON FAVORABLE TERMS, AND TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE.

4. RABASA BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED CONDITIONS IN TODAY'S WORLD WHICH JUSTIFY THE CHARTER. ALTHOUGH MANY NATIONS HAVE RECENTLY ACCEDED TO POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE, MOST OF THEM HAVE YET TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM NEOCOLONIALISM IN THE FORM OF ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE INFLATION, MONETARY INSTABILITY, COMMERCIAL AND TECHNICAL DEPENDENCE, UNFAVORABLE TERMS OF TRADE AND TRANS-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS HELP PRESERVE THIS UNJUST ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS.

5. RABASA ALSO URGED THAT THE FORTHCOMING UN CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA ADOPT THE CONCEPT OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF 200 MILES WHICH WOULD RESERVE THE RIGHTS OF ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION THEREIN TO THE LITORAL STATE BUT WHICH WOULD PRESERVE THE TRADITIONAL RIGHTS OF FREE NAVIGATION, OVERFLIGHT, AND CABLE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF OTHER STATES.

6. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON RABASA'S ACTIVITIES IN ALGIERS AND ON HIS CONFLICT WITH FIDEL CASTRO. THE LATTER, IF IT OCCURED AS PRESENTED IN THE MEXICO CITY PRESS, CANNOT BUT HARM THE ALREADY SOMEWHAT PROBLEMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN MEXICO AND CUBA.
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